U.S. prepared to fight for Israel's interest in U.N. Security Council

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The United States has made it clear that it will fight tooth and nail to protect Israel's interests in the UN Security Council and will veto any Third World attempt to upset Mideast peace efforts.

In the opening day of the council's historic first debate on the Palestine problem yesterday, Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan fought hard to stop the debate even from starting.

MOYNIHAN LOST—but his firm tactics served to reassure Israel that it will not be forced by the United States toward negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Israel is not attending the session.

Moynihan challenged an attempt to bypass the council rules by inviting the PLO to participate without a vote of the council. Russian delegate Jakov A. Malik asserted that the council already had voted last Nov. 30 to invite the PLO.

Moynihan noisily recited the records of the Nov. 30 meeting and proved that there was no vote—only an expression of views by some council members that the PLO should be invited.

To go ahead with the debate now without a formal vote, Moynihan charged, would open the way to letting "every minority in the world" attend the council to air its grievances.

MOYNIHAN SAID Malik wanted to "subvert open meetings and replace the council with an illegal semisecret apparat." He called this totalitarianism because, he said, "when procedure is destroyed, liberty is destroyed."

At Moynihan's insistence, a vote was taken. He voted no, and France, Italy and Britain abstained, but 11 members voted to invite the PLO.

A 12-man PLO delegation headed by Farouk Kaddoumi then entered the chamber, and the debate began.

Moynihan's vote was not a veto because the voting was on a question of procedure. Only a question of substance can be vetoed.

MOYNIHAN INTENDS to veto any attempt by the pro-PLO members to pass a resolution changing the meaning of two earlier council resolutions. These are Resolutions 242 of 1967 and 338 of 1973.

Resolution 242 called for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands but did not spell out details and urged just treatment for refugees. Resolution 338 called for peace negotiations based on Resolution 242.

The PLO wants the wording of these changed to refer to the right of Palestinians as a political entity, not just as a group of refugees.

Moynihan will be helped to some extent by the fact that the Arabs are divided on exactly what they want. Radical Arab states such as Libya and Syria want the earlier resolutions junked and a new resolution drawn demanding total Israeli withdrawal and the right of the Palestinians to establish a sovereign state in "Palestine."

Egypt and some other more moderate Arab states want the two resolutions left unchanged but support the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Police disperse demonstrators

MADRID (UPI) — Police firing flares and tear gas grenades shrouded the heart of Madrid with bomb smoke last evening to disperse 2000 youthful demonstrators who disrupted rush hour traffic by throwing park benches and garbage into the streets with chants of "liberty!" and "amnesty!" Madrid's suburban railway tracks were bombed and in both Madrid and Barcelona police clashed with protesters during a "Day of Struggle" called by Socialist and Communist groups to press for wage hikes, trade union freedom and the release of political prisoners.

Spain pulls troops out of Sahara

MADRID, Spain (UPI) — Spain has ended half a century in the Sahara with the withdrawal of her last troops there. The territory has been taken over by its northern and southern neighbors, Morocco and Mauritania, who hope to split it up between themselves. However, the Polisario Front, an Algerian-backed independence movement, has undertaken guerrilla actions against Moroccan and Mauritanian troops. In the latest skirmish, 500 Mauritanian troops captured the southern village of Aargub from the Polisario Front.

African parley fails to solve Angola problem

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UPI) — African leaders failed today to find a solution to the civil war in Angola and broke up their emergency summit still deeply divided. The Organization of African Unity meeting deadlocked over whether to support Soviet-backed forces or pro-Western factions.

Gromyko leaves Japan without treaty he wanted

TOKYO (UPI) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko left Japan yesterday without getting any closer to a peace agreement. Drafting of a joint communique summarizing results of the visit was still under way when he left. Reportedly it would provide continued talks in Moscow within the year. Gromyko's talks with Japanese Foreign Minister Kiichi Miyazawa failed to solve a dispute over four Northern Pacific islands Russia seized from Japan at the end of World War II.

A LOOK ABROAD

Aussie prime minister wants U.S. military presence in Indian Ocean

CANBERRA, Australia (UPI) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser says the United States should build up its naval and military presence in the Indian Ocean—including the controversial base on Diego Garcia island—to offset a Soviet foothold there and guarantee strategic Middle East-Asia oil lines. He said the "mere presence of ships in the right place, at the right time, can certainly be critical in having an impact on domestic events" in any one of the countries bordering the Indian Ocean. His stand was in sharp contrast to the policy of Gough Whitlam's defeated Labor government.

Thai prime minister keeps job till April by dissolving parliament

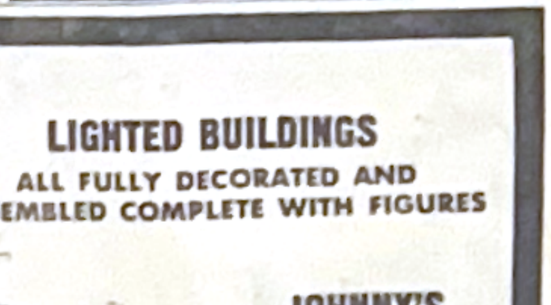
BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Thai Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj has dissolved Parliament on the advice of his anti-Communist generals and called new elections for next April. His coalition government was not expected to survive a no-confidence vote in Parliament tomorrow. Dissolving Parliament keeps him in power as caretaker prime minister at least until April.

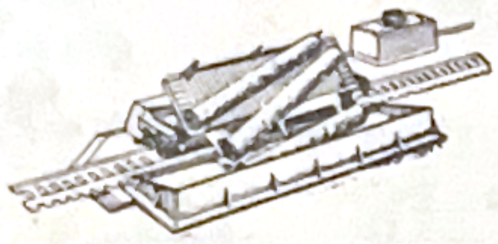
Rhodesian police fire on protesters, one black killed

GWELO, Rhodesia (UPI) — A black man was killed and another wounded when police opened fire on rioters in the Mkoba African township. A police spokesman said about 200 blacks ran through the township, on the outskirts of this central Rhodesian town, stoning buses, shops, cars and private homes. He said the rioters were supporters of the faction headed by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who opposes discussions now going on with Premier Ian Smith on the country's constitutional future.

North Vietnam reports some resistance

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Armed resistance is continuing in South Vietnam, the official (North) Vietnam News Agency reports. It gave no details, other than to say North Vietnamese forces are tracking down resisters. The report came in an otherwise optimistic summation of accomplishments in South Vietnam since the Communist victory last April 30. Mountain tribesmen are believed to have continued their decades-old battle against any central Vietnamese government. In the Mekong Delta, there is some resistance from members of the anti-Communist Hoa Hao Buddhist sect and from some ex-soldiers.





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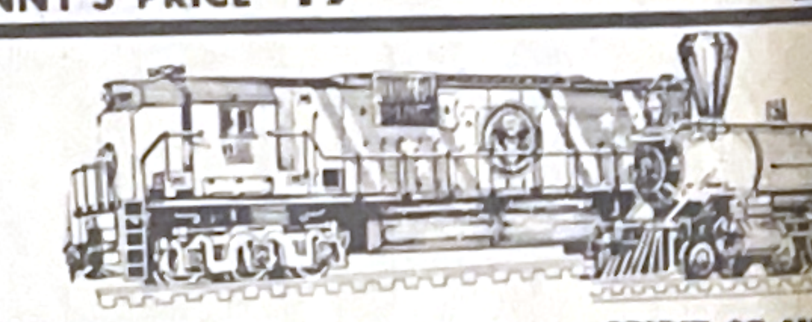

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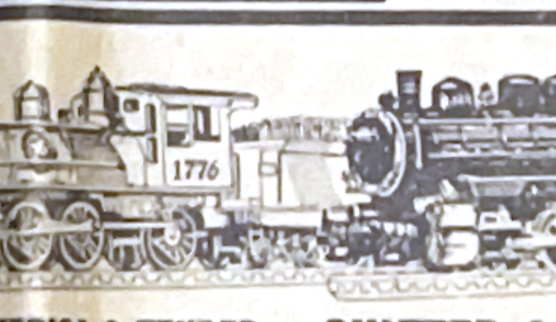

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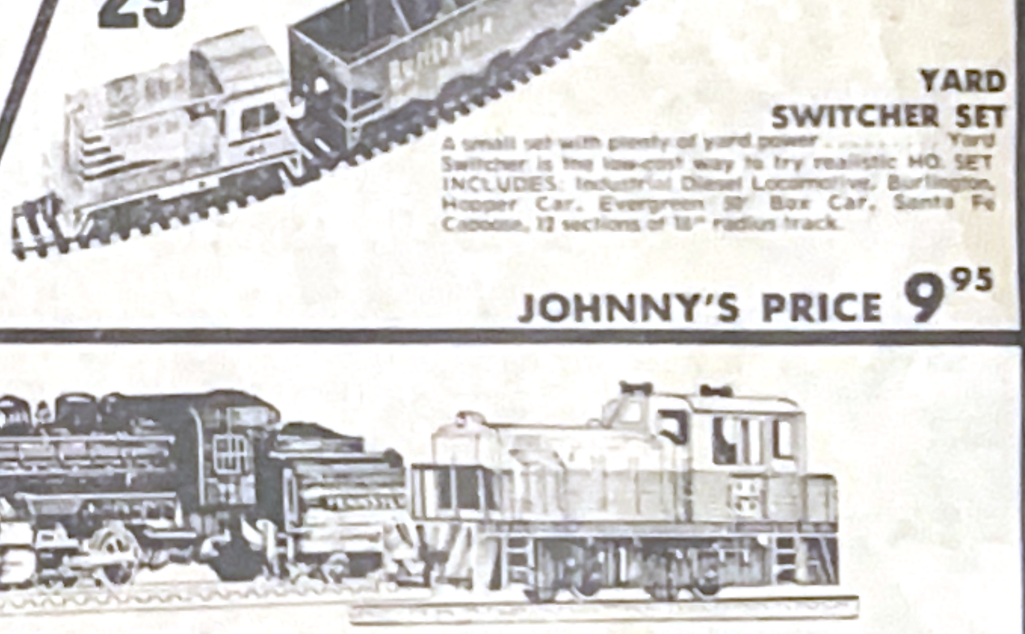

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